



Arlington Recycling Committee Minutes

May 3, 2018

Attendees:

Members: Paul Goldberg, Larry Slotnick, Dori Mazor, Charlotte Milan, Priya Sankalia, Juli Brazile

Associate Members:

Volunteers: Patti Palanza-Paynter

Visitors: Dick McDonough

Welcome and Introductions: Everybody introduced themselves telling us what they do for fun!

Approval of April 2018 Minutes: April meeting minutes were approved as written.

Public Education: Brief discussion on each target and who will take it on or already has.

Charlotte's Update: There is an intern lined up for enforcement. There have been about 200 people a month coming for the Recycling Center.

Events

- Town Day (Sept 16): Is it still possible to see if the Town Day committee will require vendors to use compostable disposables? Perhaps Charlotte and ARC present a three-year plan to the Bd of Selectmen to increase the sustainability quotient of Town Day ? ***Juli will contact Marie Krapelka in the Bd of Selectman's office.***
- Feast of the East (June 6): Larry has paid the \$100 fee; table will be at the same location in the "Community Block" and will be set up in a similar manner as EcoFest. Larry has submitted feedback about the noise-level emanating from the bandstand nearby. ***Juli will work on some educational material***
- Joint Event with Library and Sustainable Arlington: Juli provided an update on what this is. Re-usable bags will be "loaned" on rainy days. ARC can co-sponsor this event. Charlotte's suggestion they can be made "library swap bags". ARC can be there to answer questions. ARC will donate ten (10) canvas bags for this program.
- Recycling Center: ARC hospitality table. A large crowd is expected because the RC and its vendors are accepting bicycles, building materials, sharps, and shredding. ***Juli and Patti will set up and run. Larry will bring food from Food***

Link on Friday since he can't attend the event, and will post event early on Arlington List; Priya to do it later in the week.

- Magnolia Park: Live music on Wednesdays in May - ARC can do a pop-up table. *Dori will work on getting a pop-up kit together. Juli will contact Julie Benyo* to see if she can do a Recycling 101 for pop-up tabling with us.
- Summer - we can do pop-up tables wherever possible - just need the bag of items to help. If events are on a centralized calendar we can plan.

Budget: \$460 left to spend this FY which ends June 30. The committee approved \$360 for printing Textile Banner outside Town Hall and \$40 for drinks at the May RC/ARC Hospitality Tent.

Recruiting New Members: Associate Members to be asked if they are interested in joining the committee or volunteers/visitors who are regulars. In June we will have elections for co-chairs. Use the Recycling Center tent for recruiting new members. Paul has noted that Karen Einstein has moved to Lexington and therefore submitted her resignation.

Announcements/Discussion:

- Juli will host a house party on June 19 for the Toxics Action Center to introduce the organization and what they do. They are supporting communities who want to organize to deal with pollutants/contaminants in their communities.
- Plastic straw ban in Arlington (schools and retail businesses): Thompson Green Team parent Elizabeth Rocco and new ARC volunteer Maris Newman are interested in taking this up. Charlotte recommended Maris approach the Mass Green Network regarding statewide efforts with municipal ban activity.
- Larry provided copies of the 2-sided color Report of the Recycling Committee that he organized for 2018 Town Meeting. It was distributed to Town Meeting on Monday April 30. He and Priya addressed the Meeting for seven minutes. Approximately 100 Recycling Guides were also distributed at Town Meeting.
- See Town Day comments above.

Submitted by: Priya Sankalia